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TO: School District and Educational Service District

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- Special Education Directors
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**SUBJECT: School-Based Healthcare Services for Children in Special Education (SBS)
Program Update**

Effective immediately the Health Care Authority (HCA) will reimburse school districts for audiology, counseling, psychological assessments, social work, and speech-language pathology services for dates of service between **September 1, 2011** and **December 31, 2011**. School districts will still be required to provide their percentage of local matching funds for the service period.

Procedural codes and provider qualification requirements for claims during this time frame will remain the same as those in effect prior to December 31, 2010. Please refer to the Washington State Health Care Authority Medicaid Provider Guide for school-based healthcare services at http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/download/Billing_Instructions/School_Based_Health/SchoolBasedHealthcareServices_BI.pdf, or your approved interagency agreement for additional guidance.

HCA will reimburse school districts for services provided by qualified providers. A speech-language pathology assistant (SLPA) must be supervised by a speech-language pathologist who holds a current Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC) from the American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA). In addition,

- The SLPA must have graduated from a two-year speech-language pathology assistant program where they acquired a minimum of six hundred hours of practicum experience under a licensed speech-language pathologist.
- Supervisors should refer to page C.3 in the Medicaid Provider Guide regarding supervision requirements prior to submitting a claim.

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To ensure accurate and timely claims processing, please submit claims for **audiology, counseling, psychological services, social work, and speech-language pathology services** between September 1, 2011 and December 31, 2011 separately from claims for **nursing, occupational, and physical therapy services** during that same time period.

For dates of services on and after January 1, 2012, districts can resubmit denied claims for audiologist, counseling, psychologist, social worker, or speech-language pathologist to the SBS Program Manager for review. Documentation required for reconsideration should include a copy of the professional license, the date(s) services were denied, the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code(s), and treatment notes to support the request.

For dates of service on or after January 1, 2012, new claims can only be submitted for nursing, occupational, and physical therapy services.

If you have any questions or need clarification about this information, please call me at 360-725-1153.

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